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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted prior to the receipt of a first office action. Applicant requests entry and consideration of this Amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits.

Amend the application without prejudice as follows:

(See attached sheet)

In the Specification:

Page 5, under "Brief Description of the Drawings", please insert the following sentences after the description for Figure 7:

Figure 8 is a side view of the embodiment of Figure 1 with a potted plant disposed within the cage, the upper rim of the potted plant resting on the upper ring.

Figure 9 is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of the leg of the present invention.